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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. ROBERT EVANS CALLED TODAY. I ASSURED HIM THAT YOU WANT TO ATTEND, GOT SOME OF THE DETAILS FROM HIM AND THE NAME OF A CONTACT WITH WHOM TO FOLLOW UP AND WILL TURN IT OVER TO SUZANNE MCFARLANE TOMORROW TO PURSUE. WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT JANE CARRIES IT ON THE SCHEDULE.

2. AS TO YOUR QUESTION RELAYED THROUGH BREMER ABOUT THE CADILLAC IN TOKYO, I HAVE SENT BACK FOR A REWRITE A TELEGRAM IN REPLY. IT WAS SO COMPLICATED THAT I CERTAINLY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AND SUSPECT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE EITHER. WE WILL HAVE A MORE DETAILED CABLE FOR YOU IN THE MORNING.

IN THE MEANTIME, SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE PROGRAM OF REPLACING LIMOUSINES WITH SMALLER AUTOMOBILES AS THE

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LIMOUSINES WEAR OUT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

IT WAS TO A LARGE DEGREE IMPOSED UPON US BY GENERAL FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND IS AN ACTION TAKEN TO CONSERVE MONEY BOTH IN TERMS OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE COST AND IN TERMS OF UPKEEP AND GASOLINE. WE WILL GIVE YOU FIGURES IN TOMORROW'S CABLE. IN ADDITION, AND I THINK AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION,

IS THE GROWING VIEW THAT LARGE CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN LIMOUSINES ARE EASY AND ATTRACTIVE TARGETS FOR TERRORISTS. THE EXPERTS VIEW IS THAT SMALLER CARS ARE LESS LIKELY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION, CONSEQUENTLY LESS LIKELY TO BE SUBJECTS OF ATTACK. MORE DETAIL ON THIS IN THE UPCOMING CABLE.

3. I HAD A LONG TALK WITH MR. Z TODAY. CARL MAW WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER FELLOW'S LAWYER TOMORROW. (MR. Z HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER FELLOW'S LAWYER, WHO IS NOW PREPARED TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE AND OPEN WITH US). IN ADDITION, I EXPRESSED MY DISTASTE FOR THE SAFIRE ARTICLE TODAY. MR. Z SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE OTHER FELLOW AND WE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

4. I WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU AS PRECISE A READ-OUT OF WHERE WE STAND WITH THE PIKE COMMITTEE TOMORROW AS I CAN. THE RUMORS NOW ARE FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE; SOME SAY PIKE IS ITCHING FOR A FIGHT AND THIS IS WHAT HE HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR; OTHERS SAY THAT ALTHOUGH PIKE MAY BE ABLE TO GENERATE SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMITTEE FOR GOING TO THE FLOOR, HE HAS NO CHANCE TO GET A CONTEMPT CITATION. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT NOBODY AT THIS POINT SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. I HAD A LONG TALK WITH WAYNE HAYS ABOUT THE SUBJECT THIS WEEKEND. HE FEELS YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT EVEN IF THE ISSUE DOES GET TO THE FLOOR. I WILL BE TALKING TO HIM AND DOC MORGAN TOMORROW AND WILL SPEND A GOOD BIT OF TIME THE REST OF THE WEEK MAKING CALLS ON AS MANY CONGRESSMEN AS I CAN USEFULLY SEE. I WILL ASK MCCLOSKEY AND HIS PEOPLE TO HELP BUT MUST SAY THAT THEY TEND TO PANIC AND WAVER IN THE BREEZE AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE. WE MAY BE IN FOR A ROUGH TIME BUT I DOUBT IT. INGERSOLL

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